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(C) Poloff delivered reftel points November 4 to Cyprus MFA Head of the Department of Multilateral Affairs and International Organizations Michalis Stavrinis. Stavrinis agreed the goal in this case is peace, along with the issues of accountability and human rights. He noted that EU countries had been holding discussions to pursue a consensus position, and the GOC had been active in trying to find language that could be acceptable. If the EU reached a consensus, he said, Cyprus would follow; if not, the GOC "would not take a position that would harm the principles of peace and accountability." When pressed, he indicated he could not imagine a situation in which Cyprus would be the only EU country voting in favor of a resolution; he imagined it would abstain instead. He hastily added, to rephrase, that he thought that the GOC position would either be "in line with the U.S. or neutral." Stavrinis told us he would ask his mission in New York to be in contact with the U.S. mission.  
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